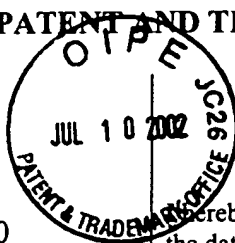


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The following Reply is made in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, and having a reset period for response of April 18, 2002. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002. That Action as mailed was incomplete. Following a telephone call to the Examiner, documents supporting the Action were mailed to Applicant, resetting the response period to run from April 18, 2002.

In the Office Action of April 5, 2002, the Examiner requested an offer to surrender the original Letters Patent before allowance of the reissue application, and additionally:

- claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being an improper recapture of previously surrendered subject matter,
- claims 19, 24, 27, 32, 35, 39, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first